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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HAINES ET AL.

Examiner

Hoang Ngo

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 October 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Huston et al.

Huston et al disclose an imaging device loaded with a sheet of print media (Fig. 2), a method for automatically configuring the imaging device to form images on the sheet of print media (Col. 1, lines 45-60), the method comprising reading a single marking comprising data (i.e. indicia 156, 158, Fig. 5) from at least one side of the print media, the data providing an orientation indication of the print sheet with respect to how the print sheet is loaded in the imaging device (i.e. print medium orientation, Col. 1, line 58 and Col. 7, lines 50-65), the data further comprising a set of media parameter information corresponding to the sheet of print media and configuring the imaging device to form images on the sheet of print (Col. 7, lines 50-65) media based on at least a portion of the data.

Huston et al further disclose wherein the data is imprinted as a single mark on each edge of the sheet of print media such that the imaging device senses the data

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independent of any particular orientation of the sheet of print media (i.e. indicia can be read in both horizontal or vertical directions, Col. 8, lines 30-35); wherein the data is a single barcode that is imprinted on each edge of the sheet of print media (i.e. indicia 150, Fig. 10); wherein the orientation indication identifies whether the sheet of print media is face-up or facedown (Col. 7, lines 50-65), and which edge of the sheet of print media is being read by the imaging device (i.e. print medium side ness, Col. 1, line 59); a computer-readable medium (i.e. barcode 156, Col. 7, line 51) comprising computer-executable instructions for automatically configuring an imaging device to form images on a sheet print media that is loaded into the imaging device.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoang Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-2138. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00am - 2:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Arthur Grimley can be reached on (571) 272-2136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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